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**HOUSE COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS**

Amendments proposed by House Committee on Civil Law and Procedure to Original House Bill No. 223 by Representative Henry Burns

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1 AMENDMENT NO. 1

2 On page 1, line 2, change "R.S. 31:137" to "R.S. 31:138"

3 AMENDMENT NO. 2

4 On page 1, line 5, change "R.S. 31:137" to "R.S. 31:138"

5 AMENDMENT NO. 3

6 On page 1, delete lines 6 through 19 in their entirety and insert the following:

7 "§138. Required response of lessee to notice

8 A. The lessee shall have thirty days after receipt of the required  
9 notice within which to pay the royalties due or to respond by stating in  
10 writing a reasonable cause for nonpayment. The payment or nonpayment of  
11 the royalties or stating or failing to state a reasonable cause for nonpayment  
12 within this period has the following effect on the remedies of dissolution and  
13 damages.

14 B. Unless otherwise provided by the mineral lease, there shall be a  
15 rebuttable presumption that the payment of royalties due is timely if such  
16 royalties are paid to the owner to whom they are due within the following  
17 time periods:

18 (1) Within one hundred eighty days after the first sales of production  
19 obtained from the land burdened by the mineral lease or land unitized  
20 therewith; and

21 (2) With respect to the sales of production made after the period set  
22 forth by Paragraph (1) of this Subsection,

23 (a) Within sixty days after the end of the calendar month in which oil  
24 production is sold; or

25 (b) Within ninety days after the end of the calendar month in which  
26 as production is sold.

27 C. The provisions of Subsection B of this Section shall not be  
28 construed to create any presumption that payment is not timely, and this  
29 Section shall not be construed to mean that any royalty payment is untimely  
30 if made after the time periods set forth by Subsection B of this Section.

31 D. The provisions of this Section shall be effective from all  
32 payments due during the period beginning September 1, 2013, and ending  
33 June 30, 2014."